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SUBJECT: US- USSR ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT: VISIT OF MARINE
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1. REPORT THAT SOVIET WORKING GROUP ON MARINE ORGANISMS
NOW PLANNING ONLY TEN- DAY VISIT TO USCAUSES MAYHEM TO
EPA' S ELABORATELY CONCEIVED AND PAINSTAKINGLY PLANNED TWO-
WEEK COAST- TO- COAST PROGRAM. ITINERARY PLANNED BY SCHNEIDER
WHICH BASED ON MINIMUM TEN WORKING DAYS, TO WHICH BOTH SIDES
AGREED, MUST NOW BE CUT ALMOST IN HALF, FORCING ELIMINATION
OF VISITS TO YALE UNIVERSITY, TO EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK,
DISNEY WORLD AND EPA NATIONAL PESTICIDE AND HERBICIDE
LABORATORY IN FLORIDA, ENTIRE VISIT TO HOUSTON AND TEXAS
GULF COAST REGION. IN ADDITION, TRUNCATED VISIT TO CALIF-
ORNIA WILL NOT ALLOW TIME FOR PLANNED DETAILED TECHNICAL
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DISCUSSIONS AT SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY.

2. SINCE U. S. HOSTS ARE PAYING SOVIET GROUP' S EXPENSES, DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND BASIS FOR DECISION TO SHORTEN VISIT TO TEN DAYS. BEFORE INITIATING STEPS TO REVISE PROGRAM, AT GREAT INCONVENIENCE TO ALL CONCERNED, URGENTLY REQUEST THAT SCIATT BRING TO ATTENTION OF DR. VADIM FEDOROV, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF HYDRO- BIOLOGY, MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY, CONSEQUENCES OUTLINED PARA 1 ABOVE OF SHORTENING ITINERARY, AND URGE HIM TO ADHERE TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE. REPLY NEEDED ASAP BY IMMEDIATE CABLE SINCE SCHNEIDER MUST COMPLETELY REVISE PROGRAM IF SOVIET DECISION STANDS. PLEASE SLUG REPLY " SCI PASS TO ERIC SCHNEIDER, TELEPHONE 401/783-1341."

3. IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER FIASCO INVOLVING BOWHEAD WHALE PROJECT, CHAIRMAN TRAIN SENT LETTER TO ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV OF HYDROMET (STATE 70607) EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS ABOUT DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY SUCH LAST- MINUTE CHANGES OF PLANS. SUGGEST THIS MESSAGE BE REITERATED IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT PROBLEM WITH MARINE ORGANISMS GROUP. ROGERS

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